

RACE CONFERENCE

NEGROES HOLD MOST INTERESTING MEETING IN THIS CITY.

Speeches Made by Prominent White and Colored Speakers From This State.

The colored race conference that has been in session in this city during the past week adjourned Thursday night, after a most enjoyable and successful session. The conference was largely attended and the expenses of the conference were all easily raised during the session. Richard Carroll, of Columbia, presided over the conference and was presented with a gold-headed walking stick by the conference in appreciation of his services in working for the betterment of the negro race.

The sessions were held at Trinity Methodist church, Mount Pisgah Baptist church and at Claflin University. No fees were charged for admission, only collections being taken. Addresses were delivered during the conference by Hon. McGowan Simpkins, a member of the legislature; Col. J. A. Banks, Dr. W. H. Moses, Dr. R. P. Wych, H. S. Murphy, Dr. W. D. Chappell, W. T. Andrews, Dr. M. M. Moulson and a returned woman missionary from Africa.

Among the white speakers who were absent were Gov. Cole L. Bleas and Prof. Ira W. Williams. Booker T. Washington's wife was to have addressed the conference but was unable to attend.

Tuesday night, Hon. McGowan Simpkins, of Edgefield, delivered an excellent address before the conference at Trinity Methodist church. The speaker was introduced by Dr. A. D. White and Mr. Simpkins took as his subject, "Good Citizenship and the Formation of Character." Although he spoke for more than an hour, still his speech was well received and was loudly applauded throughout.

Rev. D. A. Christie made a motion at the close of the address that a rising vote of thanks be extended Mr. Simpkins by the conference. This motion was seconded by a ringing speech by Dr. W. H. Moses. The audience arose and gave the Chattanooga salute. The waving of 400 or 500 handkerchiefs presented an interesting scene.

The speech Thursday night by Col. J. A. Banks, of St. Matthews, president of the South Carolina State Fair Association, was a good one and Col. Banks won his audience. The conference adjourned Thursday night after a banquet at Claflin University. Music was furnished by the Claflin band and orchestra.

On Tuesday morning of the conference a very important meeting of the stockholders of the Colored Fair Association was held at Trinity Methodist church. This meeting was well attended and was called to order by Richard Carroll. In the beginning President Carroll, of the State Fair Association, read his resignation and made a few remarks thereupon. Carroll then left the chair and during the election of officers, Dr. W. D. Chappell presided.

The election of officers was entered into and the following were nominated for the presidency: Dr. W. D. Chappell, of Columbia; Dr. M. D. Lee, of Rock Hill; E. J. Sawyer, of Bennettsville; Dr. J. H. Goodwin, Dr. W. D. Chappell and Dr. J. H. Goodwin withdrew their names and the election for the presidency resulted as follows: Sawyer, 49; M. D. Lee, 19. The voting was partaken of only by shareholders.

The election of Sawyer was made unanimous. Dr. W. D. Chappell was elected vice president; T. A. Williams, treasurer, and Dr. J. H. Goodwin, superintendent. The following board of directors was elected: J. W. Easley, E. D. White, M. L. Patterson, Dr. M. D. Lee, G. C. Williams, N. J. Frederick, J. E. Blanton.

Wednesday morning another meeting of the stockholders of the Fair Association was held at Mt. Pisgah Baptist church on Green street. The following additional members were elected to the executive committee: Rev. C. R. Brown, W. M. King, Rev. E. D. White, G. C. Williams, L. W. Hook, Rev. M. D. Lee, C. G. Garrett.

The following committees were appointed: Legislative appropriations—Richard Carroll, J. H. Goodwin, I. E. Lowery, E. J. Sawyer.

Fair Grounds—M. D. Lee, C. G. Garrett, J. H. Goodwin, L. A. Hawkins, W. M. King and E. J. Sawyer.

Small Pox at Cope.

Wednesday morning at Cope, when Dr. V. W. Brabham pronounced case in town to be small pox, people got busy, and it was not long before parents were having their children sent home from school, which was just across the street from the house infected, and soon the drug store was filled with school children being vaccinated. That is the way to kill out the disease.

Clerk Will Take Charge.

The election of Mr. R. E. Copes to the Judgeship makes a vacancy in the office of Judge of Probate and Master. On his qualifying Clerk of Court G. L. Salley will enter upon and continue to discharge the duties of the vacant office until it is filled by an election, which will be, no doubt, ordered at an early day.

Sent Up For Life.

Guilt of murder in the first degree was the verdict returned at Marshfield, Mo., by the party in the case of Walter A. Dibley and Goldie Smith, charged with the murder of Stanley Ketchel, pugilist. Sentences of life imprisonment were recommended for each defendant. The jury was out seven hours.

ORANGEBURG FOLKS GRATIFIED.

Judge Copes' Election Gives General Satisfaction.

The Orangeburg correspondent of The News and Courier says the result of the election held by the legislature Wednesday to fill the vacancy in the first judicial circuit caused by the death of the lamented Judge C. G. Dantzler, is very gratifying to this city and county. Orangeburg presented two candidates, Robert E. Copes and P. T. Hildebrand, for this high office and the vote received by each shows of what material her lawyers are made, and that it is recognized by the legislators and appreciated by them.

Messrs. Copes and Hildebrand each had a large following here, and the only regret is that both could not have been elevated to the office of Judge. Mr. Copes wins, and the adherents of both are rejoicing that Orangeburg has been recognized again and preferred in this election. Judge Copes will doubtless qualify in a short time and enter upon the duties of his new office, and he will carry to the Circuit Bench the sincere wish of every citizen of this city and county that his administration of the office may be successful, as it will be pure and undefiled.

Judge Copes goes to the Circuit Bench from the Court of Probate, and Master, a position he has filled for eight years and to which he was re-elected last fall, without opposition, and in which he has gained experience which will serve him well in his new office. That he filled acceptably the office he now holds is attested by the endorsement he has received at the hands of the people of the county.

SALLEY IS FIRE SWEPT.

Flames Destroy Five Buildings, Entailing Big Loss.

A disastrous fire occurred at Salley Wednesday and swept out five buildings. The buildings were nearly all old wooden structures. One was a new frame building. The total loss is estimated at \$10,000, with only partial insurance. The total value of the buildings burned is placed at \$4,000.

The following were the stores burned:

E. C. Clamp & Bro., building and stock of general merchandise.

Bennett's millinery store, building and stock of millinery destroyed.

Dr. Gardner's drug store, formerly owned by Dr. Johnson, stock of goods and store burned.

Two other small houses, value of contents not known.

The fire originated in the store of E. C. Clamp & Bro. Very little of the contents of any of the buildings were saved.

This is one of the worst fires that has ever visited Salley. The town will be rebuilt better than ever before.

"The Climax."

Thomas Sinclair is another college man who believes that an education is necessary for an actor to properly interpret the character which he portrays in the mimic world. In the days when he wore the "A" of his alma mater, Amherst, Sinclair was the champion intercollegiate second baseman and a member of the Chi Psi "frat." To the disgust of his family, Sinclair announced his intention of becoming an actor.

He did, but by the rockiest road a stage aspirant can take, Sinclair joined a travelling "rep" aggregation, playing "two a day" in the grass. Later he joined a western stock company, slowly climbing the histrionic ladder. Two years Joseph Weber engaged him to play "Dr. Raymond" in the western company, of "The Climax" and this season promoted Sinclair to the southern company playing the charming drama of musical life as imagined by Edward Locke.

"The Climax" will be seen at the Academy of Music on Thursday night, Feb. 2nd, and is one of the few dramas of the modern school which is more enjoyable for a second hearing.

Filled It Before.

The Orangeburg correspondent of The News and Courier says: "Major Andrew C. Dibble, who some years back filled acceptably and successfully the office that Mr. Copes vacates, has announced his candidacy for the place and has the assurance of their sincere support. Major Dibble is a lawyer of recognized ability, particularly in such matters as come before the Judge of Probate for his decision, and his election to the office would be in no sense experimental, as he has given ample evidence of his peculiar fitness for the discharge of just such duties as will devolve upon him in this office should he be elected."

Took First Honor.

The St. Matthews correspondent of The News and Courier says Mr. Whit W. Wannamaker, Jr., one of Calhoun county's most scientific and successful farmers, who won both the local and district prize on corn, has invaded new fields and won laurels from the Empire State of the South. In a contest before the Georgia Experiment Station, with 20 varieties of corn and cotton, he came off with first honors among many contestants. He is a great believer in the breed of seed, as of stock.

Cut Seriously by Gun.

A St. Matthews dispatch to The State says Theodore Nelson, a prosperous and prominent citizen of up-country Calhoun county was caught in a gin and seriously cut. It is hoped that an amputation of his arm will save his life. The particulars could not be obtained but it is stated that physicians will amputate his arm and his many friends in this section are hoping for the best. He is a member of Calhoun's registration board.

JUDGE R. E. COPE

SHORT SKETCH OF HIS LIFE FROM EARLY BOYHOOD.

Grandson of Henry Ellis, Esq., a Prominent Lawyer and Son of the Late Robert Copes.

Robert Ellis Copes, who has just been elected Judge of the First Judicial Circuit to succeed the late lamented Judge Charles Glover Dantzler, is thirty-eight years of age, and a native of this city. He is the oldest son of the late Robert Copes, who was for many years treasurer of Orangeburg county. Judge Copes' mother was the daughter of Henry Ellis, Esq., a lawyer of prominence in Orangeburg before the war.

The tragic death of his father is well remembered by the older citizens, and forms a sad page in the history of Orangeburg county. It was the custom in those days for the county treasurer to go to the several townships to collect taxes. On one of these trips Treasurer Copes was waylaid, murdered and robbed. For the crime Dan Murphy was convicted and is now serving a life sentence in the penitentiary. Murphy once escaped and after being at large for months was recaptured.

Robert E. Copes was a student of Wofford College when his father was murdered. The burden of the family then rested upon his shoulders and he gave up his prospects of a collegiate education. When he returned to Orangeburg, Robert E. Copes was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of his father.

His administration of the treasurer's office was entirely satisfactory, and he could have been re-elected, but wishing to devote himself to the law, he declined to offer for re-election, and entered the service of the Edisto Savings Bank as bookkeeper, at the same time studying law with Rayson & Summers. He also studied for a while at the South Carolina College law school. Soon after being admitted to the bar, Mr. Copes was elected judge of probate, a position which he has filled acceptably for eight years. He has also discharged, ex officio, the duties of master in equity.

A prominent Orangeburg lawyer is reported by The State to have said on Wednesday that Judge Copes always writes to the point and wastes few words. He is a man of much modesty and of very retiring disposition and has never been an advocate, but a student. His temperament is said to be judicial and his nature sympathetic though unflinching in the face of duty.

He married Miss Black of North Carolina and they have four children. Judge Copes was in Columbia when elected and was showered with congratulations. He will not assume the ermine of his high office for some days as he has affairs in his present office to be disposed of. He was elected probate judge last summer for a four-year term and there must be an election to fill the vacancy as the governor can not appoint.

The endorsement given Judge Copes by Orangeburg bar was very flattering.

"We, the undersigned members of the Orangeburg bar, hereby recommend and endorse Robert E. Copes, Esq., of this bar for judge of the First circuit to succeed the Hon. Charles G. Dantzler, whose death we so deeply deplore.

"We realize that this exalted position should be filled by a gentleman of the highest character, as well as one learned in the law. Mr. Copes possesses the judicial temperament and is, in every way, fitted to adorn that position.

"He has for the past eight years been judge of probate and master of this county and has filled that office to the entire satisfaction of the bar and the people.

"He is an able lawyer, just, fearless and conscientious. He is a close student, with firm convictions of right, and is always courageous in his demeanor.

"We take pleasure in recommending Mr. Copes to the general assembly for judge of the First circuit, with the confident assurance that, if elected, he will grace the position.

"Jas. F. Izlar, Thomas M. Rayson, Adam H. Moss, A. W. Summers, Simon B. Rich, Abiel Lathrop, J. S. Salley, J. A. Berry, C. P. Brunson, D. O. Herbert, John J. Jones, Wm. C. Wolfe, Samuel Dibble, B. H. Moss, Robert Lide, J. P. Matheny, Jno. S. Bowman, Jas. M. Brailsford, W. B. Martin, Wm. L. Glaze, L. K. Sturkie, W. L. Izlar, I. W. Bowman, Jas. H. Fanning, And. C. Dibble."

Death of Mrs. W. T. C. Bates.

The St. Matthews correspondent of The News and Courier says: "Mrs. W. T. C. Bates died of apoplexy Thursday afternoon, and the community was greatly shocked, as she had been sick only a few hours. She was 58 years old, and a faithful member of the Methodist church. The daughter of Dr. W. W. Wannamaker, she leaves a large family connection. The community sympathizes with her devoted husband, Dr. Bates, former State Treasurer, over his irreparable loss."

Killed Seven Deer.

The Dorchester Eagle says: "Mr. John D. Shuler of Ellerbe was in St. George yesterday on business. Mr. Shuler spent several days last week at his plantation in the low-country on business, and while there, he and a few of his friends went deer driving one day, and he states that they soon killed seven deer. Mr. Shuler is a great lover of hunting and he has a very valuable place for game. He killed two on this hunt, and says that they routed at least fifty during the day."

A PLEA FOR RACIAL PURITY.

Mr. Dixon's Startling Statement About "The Sins of the Father."

While offering his new play, "The Sins of the Father," mainly and chiefly as an entertainment, Mr. Thomas Dixon does not mince words regarding its purpose. He describes "The Sins of the Father" as a passionate plea for racial purity against the dangers that threaten the existence of white civilization. The playwright-author sees this grave peril in the mixture of white and African blood, caused by the sins of white fathers. The evil has been denounced from pulpit and platform, legislated against, and condemned by the newspaper press; but Mr. Dixon is the first to attack it in a play.

The story of "The Sins of the Father" is presented in such a manner that no offense is given to men and women auditors. Only the consequences to a later generation, from a father's folly and thoughtlessness, are exhibited. The situation is dramatic in the extreme. Helen Winslow, a young beauty betrothed to Major Horton's son, is suspected of being a "sixteenth-blood" negress. A struggle follows between the parent and the boy. The tragic complications are strange and exciting, but in the end the difficulties are resolved and the family honor is cleared. Alongside the serious interest is a delightfully comic subplot, involving the fortunes of a sable pair of servants named Andy and Minerva.

The playwright believes the "white man's burden" at the present time is to check the spread of miscegenation with all the awful consequences it entails. The South must be the leader. True to its traditions, it can save American civilization, and it will. The North must learn of the South, forbidding both the lawless relationships and the mixed marriages between the races. Such is the gist of the new message by the celebrated author of "The Clansman." His new play, "The Sins of the Father," in which these momentous truths are dramatically presented, will be seen for the first time at the Academy of Music next Monday night.

CREATOR'S BAND.

At the Academy of Music Next Tuesday Afternoon.

This morning at 10 o'clock the reservation of seats will begin for the grand concert to be given by the celebrated Creator and His Band of fifty at the Academy of Music Tuesday afternoon.

From the many inquiries which the management has already received both from in and out of town, the box-office at Lowman's Drug Co. will be a busy place this morning. Many theatre parties are being arranged and the concert will be a great social as well as musical event. To hear the greatest band in the world play such great musical masterpieces as Signor Creator has included in his program to be given here, is a privilege that does not come often within one's lifetime.

Creator began his present Southern tour at Washington, D. C., a few days ago and although it was the sixth time he has appeared in the National Capitol, he was received with greater enthusiasm than ever before.

Unlike many bandmasters who reduce the size of their band when touring the South in order to reduce the heavy railroad expenses, Creator will come with his entire band of fifty men. With such a large body of the best Italian musicians, Creator is able to include in his programs selections which smaller bands would not dare attempt.

Buried at Woodford.

The Augusta Herald says: "Mr. Charleno E. Wray died at Woodford, S. C., January 20th. Mr. Wray was thirty years of age. He was born and reared in Augusta, leaving a few months ago to seek better health. Mr. Wray had scores of friends who will be grieved to learn of his demise. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lula Wray, his mother, Mrs. Alice Wray, and one sister, Mrs. F. L. McCorkie. His remains were interred in the Salem burial grounds at Woodford, S. C."

Came Back Home.

The Sumter Watchman and Southern says: "Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Shirer left on Saturday for Orangeburg, where they will make their future home. Mr. Shirer having decided to go into the sawmill business at that place. Mr. Shirer has lived in Sumter many years and has made many friends here who wish him much success in his new business." In returning to Orangeburg Mr. Shirer comes back to his old home, and we extend him a hearty welcome.

Beautify School Grounds.

The Cameron correspondent of The State says M. T. Carlisle, superintendent of the Cameron high school, is taking steps to beautify the grounds of the school. He has laid out the grounds preparatory to planting trees, and is building a much needed sidewalk in front of the building. The Cameron schools are doing excellent work under Prof. Carlisle and his corps of teachers. The music department, under Miss Lola Parler, is also increasing in numbers and interest.

Will Be in Race.

The Orangeburg correspondent of The State says: "Andrew C. Dibble, a former master of this county, has announced himself as a candidate to succeed Judge Copes as Judge of Probate, and special referee. It is rumored that Dr. L. K. Sturkie, a prominent lawyer of this city, will also be a candidate for this office. There will probably be several candidates for the office made vacant by the election of Judge Copes to the judgeship."

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

PICKED UP ALL OVER TOWN BY OUR REPORTERS.

What Is Happening Here and There.

Local Items of Personal Interest to Our Readers.

Thomas Sinclair who plays "Dr. Raymond" in "The Climax" was an "honest-to-goodness" doctor before taking to the stage.

Major W. L. Glaze read a memorial of the late Judge C. G. Dantzler before the Bar Association in Columbia on Thursday.

The Motor Boat Magazine containing Mr. W. C. Glover's article on the Edisto are on sale at Sims' Book Store. Price 10 cents.

Vaccination has been going on in this city among the school children at a rapid rate. The State law on the subject is being enforced.

Sheri A. M. Salley took J. J. Jones to the penitentiary yesterday. Because of his delicate health Jones will be assigned to some light work.

The residence of Mr. B. P. Bethea at Branchville caught fire on last Saturday, but fortunately was put out before much damage was done.

Just between you and me, have out before much damage was done, you paid up your subscription? If you haven't we won't refuse to receive it because you are a little behind. Do it now.

Jones says he was satisfied that his life was in danger when he shot and killed Pearlstone. Jones says he will try to make a model prisoner while in the penitentiary.

Comptroller General Jones claims that a million acres of land in this State is not on the tax books. Wonder if any land in Orangeburg county has escaped the tax books.

Major W. L. Glaze went to Columbia on Wednesday, accompanied by Mrs. Glaze, to consult a specialist in reference to a minor operation that Mrs. Glaze may have to undergo.

The school at Cope has increased to such an extent that the trustees have employed another teacher. Miss Rumph of Greenwood was engaged, and entered upon her duties Wednesday.

The town of Cope has passed an ordinance providing for compulsory vaccination, and will require all persons living there to be vaccinated. This is the only way to successfully fight small pox.

Mrs. J. P. Matheny is quite sick in a hospital at Columbia. Mr. Matheny was called to her bedside on Wednesday afternoon. Her many friends hope for her early restoration to complete health.

Mr. A. J. Hydrick, Jr., of the local bar, has been appointed referee in bankruptcy to succeed Mr. John S. Bowman, who resigned, by Judge Brawley. Mr. Hydrick will fill the office to the satisfaction of all.

About fifty young men were present at the meeting on Thursday evening to reorganize the gallant old Edisto Rifles. Weekly meetings will be held and it is expected that the company will soon be mustered in.

The celebrated actor, William Owen, who will be remembered as playing Shylock in The Merchant of Venice last year, plays the leading role in "The Sins of the Father" at the Academy of Music Monday night.

The County Teachers' Association will meet in the court house this morning at a quarter to eleven o'clock. Matters of importance will be considered at this meeting, and it is hoped that there will be a full attendance.

M. O. Browning, who has been chief of police in Branchville since the present administration went into office, has resigned his place and gone to Ferguson to take a position as engineer for the Santee Cypress Lumber Company.

Rev. D. H. Crosland has been called to preach at the Bowman Baptist church. He will be there on the second Sunday of each month, holding two service each visit. Rev. Mr. Crosland is a popular preacher and is well known by the citizens of this county.

Rev. A. J. Stirewalt spent Thursday night in the city on his way to Savannah. Mr. Stirewalt is a Lutheran missionary to Japan, and is spending a year with the home church gathering money for the mission school. He is pleased with his success.

A very singular accident occurred near Swansea recently. As Mr. Hollinger was coming home from work with several negro men riding in a wagon, a tree fell across the wagon and broke Joseph Albert's left leg above the ankle, and also broke Sidney Brown's left leg near the ankle. No wind was blowing at the time of the accident to cause the tree to fall.

Card of Thanks.

Please do us the kindness to tender our thanks, and that of all who board with us, to the friends who rendered such timely aid at the fire last Monday morning, and who have been so kind to us since. We are doubly indebted to the fire department who responded so promptly, and made such a splendid fight for us. But for their heroic work, our loss would have been so much greater. Orangeburg should be proud of her fire fighters, and stand by them. Mrs. T. E. Stokes and Family.

Will Open at St. George.

A special dispatch from St. George says that pace is to have a rather law firm. Two of the foremost lawyers in this section of the State, William C. Wolfe, of Orangeburg, and Senator E. J. Dennis of Monks Corner, have determined to open an office for this purpose. While neither will establish their residence there, the office will be in charge of a competent man.



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